



# Staff Report

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Agenda Item:                    **Resolution To Authorize The Town Clerk To Conduct Elections In 2010 As All “Mail Ballot” Elections Pursuant To A.R.S. 16-409 (B).** – Approval of a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to conduct elections in 2010 as all “Mail Ballot” elections.

Staff Contact:                Kathy Bainbridge, Finance Director/Town Clerk

Meeting Date:              July 28, 2009

Background:

To use the county election management process the Town of Clarkdale must participate by running All-Mail Ballot Elections for 2010. After approval by Council, the Clerk must gain county, state and federal approvals.

Staff Recommendation:        To approve a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to conduct elections in 2010 as all “Mail Ballot” elections.

If approved, Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_.

When recorded , return to:  
Town Clerk  
Town of Clarkdale  
Post Office Box 308  
Clarkdale, Arizona 86324

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, TO AUTHORIZE THE  
TOWN CLERK TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS IN 2010 AS ALL  
“MAIL BALLOT” ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO A. R. S. 16-409 (B).**

WHEREAS, it is provided by law for the holding of elections; and

WHEREAS, Towns have the option, pursuant to A.R.S. 16-409 (B), to conduct elections with Mail Ballots; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows voting by mail yields high voter participation; and

WHEREAS, evidence show that ballots delivered by the United States Postal Service remain secure and confidential; and

WHEREAS, according to Arizona State Statute, and to protect against voter fraud, the Yavapai County Recorder’s Office electronically scans and verifies every voter signature affixed to each returned ballot envelope against that voter’s signature on file from his or her voter registration form; and

WHEREAS, the database maintained by the Yavapai County Recorder’s Office makes it impossible for a voter to vote more than one ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

The Town Clerk is authorized to conduct “Mail Ballot Elections” for all 2010 Elections, in accordance with A.R.S. Title 16, Article 8.1.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, by the affirmative vote of its members.

ATTEST:

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

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Kathy  
Bainbridge, Town  
Clerk/Finance Director

